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MEANING OF THE FLAG.

DISPLAY of the flag carries with it the implied support of the constitution of the United States and is a recognition of the authority of the president in times of war. The flag carries with it the significance that the owner is a firm believer in the principles on which this country was founded, and is willing to sacrifice his life and property, if necessary, to vindicate the sentiments represented by the national colors. The history of the flag is not generally understood and therefore a brief summary may be interesting to readers of the Bonanza. The first flags were a nondescript design used by the federated colonies at the first breaking out of the revolutionary war. No flag was adopted as a signal of the national authority, and the consequence was that several forms of insignia were used. The flag at first used consisted of a red field in the upper right hand corner of which was a red cross, each of its quarters being in white, and one corner—the extreme upper left hand corner, having a world or globe with a belt encircling it. At Bunker Hill battle the field was blue and the upper left hand corner had a red cross quartered with a pine tree in the extreme left hand upper quarter. Then there was the flag with the coiled rattlesnake on its face with the words "Don't tread on me." In 1776 the Congress adopted a field having alternately thirteen red and white stripes with a blue canton emblazoned with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew on it. This was adopted in 1776. It is practically the same flag today. The thirteen stripes represent the original or the thirteen states which revolted from the British crown, and the blue field, with white stars representing the original states. In 1794 Kentucky and Vermont were admitted into the union of states and the flag was changed by adding two more stripes, but as states continued to be admitted, it was seen that the flag would soon consist of a series of alternate red and white stripes, so in 1818 the original 13 bars or stripes were restored, and Congress then adopted the plan since followed out of adding a new star for every new state admitted. The flag now consists of 13 alternate red and white stripes with a blue canton and 48 stars. Later it is expected that additional stars will be admitted for Porto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska.

The national flag is never hoisted between sunset or dark and sunrise of the following morning. When the flag is at half mast is a sign of mourning, but then it should be first raised to the top of the peak of the staff or mast and then lowered half way, and the same when hauling it down at night. Flag day is June 14th and is the anniversary of the adoption of the national flag and is celebrated throughout the union, especially under the auspices of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

During the reconstruction period as fast as the states were re-admitted to the union the stars representing them were restored to the flag. At the time of their attempted secession from the union between 1861-65 the flag had only stars representing the states that were loyal to the union.

ALARMING FOOD SHORTAGE.

WITH the prospect of a decrease of 50,000,000 bushels in the winter wheat crop the United States is placed in an alarming position where nothing but the closest economy will safeguard it from famine when the next winter's snow mantle the hills. This deficiency is based on a comparison with last year which was almost 200,000,000 bushels of foodstuffs short of the previous year's record. With a deficiency of a quarter of a million bushels the smallest mind can grasp the fact that the United States will be without enough food to supply its most urgent needs and therefore will not have any breadstuffs to send the allies who are expected to do our fighting until such time as we train an expeditionary force to send across the Atlantic. The withdrawal of a million men from agricultural life will not help the situation and therefore the government has sent out a warning for everybody to begin practicing the most rigid economy in living. At the same time this injunction is accompanied by an appeal for the planting of vegetables and grains wherever conditions warrant the experiment. Boys and girls can make the soil in their backyards produce food for the family. Last year the children of the United States raised in their gardens and helped to can more than 4,000,000 packages of valuable food. Keep your garden working all season. Hasten early crops by starting seed in boxes and make successive planting of beans, lettuce, radishes, beans and other short season crops. Where you can, see that your garden is full of potatoes, turnips, cabbage and other staple foods than can be stored during the winter. If your garden at any time contains more than you can use do not allow the surplus to spoil. Can surplus beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, beets, spinach, pumpkin and squash for winter use. If you are in doubt about the proper way to do about this business, the college of agriculture, University of Nevada, will give explicit directions for raising vegetables and will tell you simple methods for canning vegetables and fruits at home with ordinary home utensils.

A STATE OF NERVES.

THE navy department has issued a statement to the effect that the people of the eastern states are suffering from a highly strung nervous tension and therefore are not to be regarded as reliable in reporting the appearance of alleged German raiders. Nevertheless the navy is not going to be cocksure of the apparitions for it is taking the only sensible way to controvert the reports by sending out chasers and scouts in pursuit of the elusive Teutonic destroyers. Bean eating may be conducive to cerebral development but, from the latest accounts it is also calculated to magnify danger and multiply hazards of war. It will be remembered that when Admiral Cervera was reported en route to the western hemisphere Boston was the chief source of alarm and the administration was begged to do something for the protection of the Massachusetts coast. Boston was sitting up nights watching and waiting for something to turn up and every stray smoke column in the offing was taken as a sign of the enemy with his formidable fleet. This kept up for almost a month before the solemn fact was established that

Mr. Cervera and his ships had taken refuge in Santiago Bay where they were securely bottled up by Schley and Sampson. While there is good reason for believing in the presence of an enemy somewhere off the Atlantic coast so far it is pure surmise that has to be taken with a grain of salt until there is more tangible evidence of the coming of a German flotilla. Vigilance is the only watchword for the day, and it is presumed that the navy has taken every precaution to determine as soon as possible what reliance to place upon these reports. It is conceded that a couple of German raiders have been busy off the South American coast and sufficient time has elapsed since the severance of relations for these vessels to come within dangerous proximity. It is hardly probable that a commerce destroyer would invite destruction by approaching within shot of the United States coast, but there is good reason for believing that a fleet of super-submarines may be within striking distance. The navy is proceeding on that assumption by throwing out nets and snares to trap them or to prevent their entrance to any of the principal harbors of the country.

Uncle Sam has never encouraged the system of swatting a foe without giving him time to throw up his hands in self defense. That is why the interned steamers in American ports were at liberty to wreck their ships before the actual declaration of war, as these vessels were in a sense guests of the nation which gave them refuge from pursuit of belligerent warships. How well this hospitality was repaid is shown wherever a German ship was interned.

Clean up now and you will not have to do so much swatting when fly time comes around.

The erstwhile czar has plenty of chance to be Romanoff by himself.

HOLLAND BECOMES MONEY LENDER IN SPITE OF HER ENVIRONMENT

(By Associated Press.)
 THE HAGUE, April 9.—Despite her efforts to prevent it, Holland is becoming, perforce, a large lender to the belligerent states. Great Britain set the example of paying for its large supplies of dairy and other produce in exchange bills and when Germany demanded the same privilege, neutral Holland could not see its way to refuse, however differently it might regard Berlin paper. Holland has been trying to apply the brake on this downward road that might land it in uncomfortable circumstances but, so far, apparently unsuccessfully.

While these nations demand virtually everything on credit, they require little Holland to pay for her imported goods in cash. In one respect this operates to Holland's advantage, owing to the fact that the rates of exchange in Germany and Austria are depressed and Holland purchasers, consequently, pay less

now than they would after the war when the exchequer rates may have risen.

In the effort to prop up the rate of exchange in Germany and Austria, an organization for the control of exchange values has been formed. No marks or crowns, as the case may be, are permitted to be sent out of Germany or Austria unless authorized by these organizations. This means that German and Austrian buyers of Holland goods cannot pay the bills until these controlling bodies have approved the purchase. Checks drawn in payment for luxuries shipped from Holland into Germany and Austria are held up pending approval, the authorities ruling that claims arising from the imports of luxuries cannot be settled until after the war.

Trade between Holland and the Central empires has been seriously hampered by these restrictions.

ARIBESTAN LATEST NAME ADDED TO MAPS OF THE OLD WORLD

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, April 9.—It is generally believed in England that the close of the war will see the re-organization of Arabia into a definite autonomous government, known as Arabistan, with the capital in Mecca, and governing a territory about the size of India. Reuter's Agency sends out a dispatch which may be taken to summarize British official opinion on the Arabian question. It says:

"The Arab race is beginning, not only to awake but to coalesce. We are on the verge of one of those great Arab intellectual movements which have been turning points in the history of the past both in Asia and Europe.

"The Arabs cannot be expected, after being the victims of studied disintegration for 600 years, to have a strong national sense, according to European standards, but a sense of race and a desire for independence is growing. This feeling constitutes a menacing factor from the standpoint of the central powers, and an immense asset from the standpoint of the entente.

"For 600 years it has been the policy of the Turkish rulers of the Arab people to stimulate tribal, municipal and political feuds, to support one faction against another, and thus hold the people in subjection. During this period, while Arab vitality and intellect have remained undamaged, the lands inhabited by the Arabs, once countries of civilization, progress and culture, have become wastes and an agglomeration of ruins.

"The whole situation is now changing, and old religious and tribal feuds are dying down rapidly. In Syria there is a sense of unity and brotherhood among Arab-speaking people such as has not existed since Turkish domination was first inflicted on the country.

"Two recent occurrences have done much to promote this feeling. One is Djemal Pasha's reign of terror at Damascus, which has brought suffering and death into the noblest of the princely families. The other is the action of the Sherif of Mecca and his followers in proclaiming their independence. The Sherif has taken the title of King of the Ded-jas.

"Since the proclamation of his kingship, King Hussein has formed alliances with the other important independent rulers of Arabia, and wherever these alliances reach, the

Turk rules no more. The territory thus divorced from Turkish rule covers a space nearly as large as India.

"In the United States and South America there are many Arabs, and they have there proved themselves the moral and intellectual equal of the Caucasian. The great driving force of Arab racialism gives grounds for hopes of an independent Arabistan, which, assisted by kinsmen in America, should have all the essentials of progress and stability."

DEATH LURKS IN TREE IN FALLEN LIVE WIRE

LITTLE EDNA WYCKOFF KILLED WHEN SHE MAKES CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC CABLE

Climbing a tree near the high school baseball diamond on Lewis street near Fourth, in order to watch the Las Vegas-Salt-Lake game, little Edna Wyckoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wyckoff, was killed when she came into contact with high voltage wires of the Consolidated Power and Telephone company Wednesday afternoon, says the Clark County Review.

Edna was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff, a son having passed away last summer. The family came down from Idaho about two years ago and Mr. Wyckoff took the Barnsley ranch south of the city and farmed it for a period. He later moved into the city and since that time has been engaged in teaming.

On Wednesday he left for the Charleston mountains on teaming work and was 30 miles away at the time of the accident. C. C. Howard, his friend, volunteered to drive his car to bring Mr. Wyckoff back to town. A note was written by Mrs. Wyckoff and sent to her husband. Howard and Wyckoff returned at 9:30 Wednesday evening.

The wires are about 25 feet from the ground and carry 2200 volts of electricity. They pass through the trees near the home of Thos. West, trees in which the boys and girls have often played, according to people living near the scene.

For Associated Press news read the Bonanza.

MORMONS OFFER PRIZES FOR THE BEST CROPS

EASTER OBSERVED IN UTAH BY ENJOINING THRIFT AND INDUSTRY

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE CITY, April 9.—With appeals for frugality, economy and loyalty as American citizens, the Mormon church today ended its 87th annual conference in the Tabernacle by offering \$3500 in cash prizes for the best yields of potatoes and spring wheat from acreage supervised this year by ward organizations as a stimulus to increased production of food supplies in the present state of war with Germany.

There was never any doubt about Carranza's election. Mexico had no California to delay the returns. —Toledo Blade.

What has become of the suspicious old miser who used to bury his money in the smokehouse? —Galveston News.

Zimmerman, the plotter, has made the world curious to know what his next blunder will be. —Toledo Blade.

DEATH OF RICHARD OLNEY

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, April 9.—Richard Olney, secretary of state under Grover Cleveland, died today.

Even a crisis can keep if people can keep their head. —San Francisco Chronicle.

Potatoes are so expensive that we've started saving our potato chips. —Detroit Press.

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